



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Aboriginal Family Safety Grants Program 2024

**Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence**

**10:00am to 10:45am | 2 May 2024**

# Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we the Department of Communities Walyalup office is situated.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and acknowledge their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

We also pay our respects to all Aboriginal people who are with us today.

# Overview



## PURPOSE

To provide background on the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants initiative.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Policy Context
3. Overview of Grant Program
4. Communications to date
5. Q&A

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# Policy Context

## Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy



### Implementation principles:

- Aboriginal-led
- Designed in partnership
- Place-based
- Responsive to different groups of people
- New and better ways of working



# Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

## Four Focus Areas



### Focus area 1

#### Healing

Ensure healing is what guides prevention and the delivery of family violence services and practice

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Services will be designed to:

- ensure that responses to family violence are holistic and trauma-informed to respond effectively to the intergenerational trauma that exists within Aboriginal communities.
- ensure those who experience family violence, including children and young people, are safe and supported to heal and recover.



### Focus area 2

#### Recognise and support men and boys

Recognise the unique roles and responsibilities of men, boys and fathers and support them to build strong communities and safe families

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Individuals and families will be empowered and responses reframed to:

- address the lack of specific support available for men, including for those who use violence.
- recognise the strong traditional role of men and fatherhood in Aboriginal cultures as central to any initiative designed to address family violence.
- ensure that a long-term approach to embedding family safety for Aboriginal children, people, families and communities is taken.

# Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

## Four Focus Areas (continued)



### Focus area 3

#### **Transform**

Transform service provision and reform systems

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Systems will be reformed to:

- respond to systemic racism and discrimination by building culturally informed and sensitive agencies, policies, procedures, and practices.
- build the cultural capability of Government agencies through creating career pathways at all levels for Aboriginal workers with a focus on recruiting and retaining Aboriginal staff in senior roles by specifying 50D positions where appropriate and aligning with Aboriginal workforce strategic frameworks.
- normalise the inclusion of Aboriginal cultural responses within those systems, which prioritise safety and accountability through localised decision-making.
- reform funding models to prioritise preventative measures and improve access to justice for Aboriginal families experiencing family violence.
- implement evaluative measures that are overseen by community leaders to ensure community are seeing positive changes.



### Focus area 4

#### **Aboriginal-led prevention and early intervention**

Use culture as the frame for delivering primary prevention and early intervention programs

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Early intervention and prevention approaches will be embedded to:

- strengthen culture and identity as a foundational and baseline response to family violence.
- build on the strengths and complex systems that Aboriginal families and communities already utilise and benefit from.
- positively reinforce cultural roles and responsibilities within families and communities – for men, boys, women and girls.
- support localised decision-making structures.
- address the social determinants that lead to family violence.

# Overview of Aboriginal Family Safety Grants



## Grants:

- for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and registered Aboriginal business
- time-limited to support projects for up to two years (2024/25-2025/26)
- to deliver Aboriginal-led, place-based responses to family violence and
- have a funding allocation of \$6 million with a portion of this funding set aside for program evaluation.

# Continued: Overview of Aboriginal Family Safety Grants

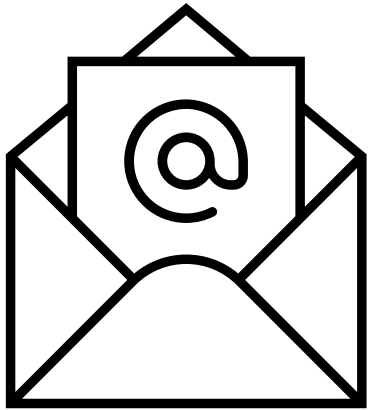


## Process:

- Procurement will occur through an open grant process.
- Registration on [Tenders WA](#) is essential.
- 2 May webinar to give overview of the program.
- Grants released on Tenders WA 13 May 2024.
- Non-mandatory briefing - indicative timing last week of May
- Grants close on Tenders WA 2 July 2024.



# Communications



## Email notifications of the Grant Program were sent to:

- ACCOs and registered Aboriginal businesses listed on Communities database
- Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia (CASWA)
- Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA)
- Aboriginal Regional Coordinators and Regional Executive Directors
- Western Australian Council of Social Services
- Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing
- Stopping Family Violence

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## Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022-2032 sets out a cross-government initiative for addressing family violence impacting Aboriginal women, children, families and communities.

Last updated: 18 April 2024

Aboriginal people experience family violence at disproportionately high rates with devastating impacts on their own health and wellbeing, and on the health and wellbeing of their families and community. The contributing factors to family violence in Aboriginal communities are different to non-Aboriginal communities, and include colonisation, dispossession, intergenerational trauma and racism.

In December 2022, we launched the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022-2032 (the Strategy) as part of the State Government's response to Outcome 13 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap – that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and households are safe. It is also a priority action of Path to Safety: Western Australia's (WA) strategy to reduce family and domestic violence 2020–2030.

We understand that the outcome of Aboriginal family safety is underpinned by Aboriginal-led action and solutions and holds Aboriginal values, beliefs, culture, identity and knowledge systems at the heart of holistic responses.



### Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

The Department of Communities has developed the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy with Aboriginal people and communities to address family violence impacting Aboriginal families and communities.



### Aboriginal Family Safety Grants

Grant funding of \$5.75 million is being made available for Aboriginal and community-led initiatives that prevent or respond to family violence throughout Western Australia.



### Aboriginal Healing Framework

To ensure that Healing is what guides our efforts to prevent and respond to family violence, an Aboriginal Healing Framework (the Framework) is being developed.

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# Q&A

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